



**Michigan Residential Recycling Grant Program  
Fiscal Year 2015-2016  
Frequently Asked Questions**



**What kind of projects will this grant support?** The Michigan Residential Recycling Grant Program (Grant) will provide successful applicants with funding (up to \$450,000 total funds available) for municipal residential recycling carts. Technical assistance and education resources will also be provided in collaboration with the national non-profit, The Recycling Partnership (TRP). Multi-family, food waste, and commercial projects are also eligible. Eligible applicants include: cities, villages, townships, charter townships, counties, tribal governments, municipal solid waste or resource recovery authorities. Partners may include for profit or non-profit organizations.

**What are the details of the required match?** A 100% match of awarded funding is required. All grant and matching funds must be used for the purchase of recycling carts. Match funding sources may include other grants, bond monies, loans, cash, private-public partnerships, etc. There is no maximum amount of funding that a grantee may request, but grantees may be offered partial funding.

**Is the applicant required to own the carts to be eligible for funding?** No. A municipally owned cart program or a municipally purchased, hauler owned, cart program with a long term contract are both eligible program structures. If the latter program structure is preferred by an applicant, preference for grant funding is contract periods greater than five years.

**What resources will TRP provide to awarded grantees implementing a municipal residential recycling cart curbside program?** TRP is a national non-profit recognized for its education campaigns and technical assistance to communities transitioning to a curbside cart based program. Grantees will have their choice of one of two professionally designed customizable education campaigns and will have the opportunity to work directly with the experts at TRP during implementation of their program. Through this partnership, TRP will share strategy and best management practices for cart based recycling collection. Strategy and BMPs include but not limited cart specs, budgeting, assembly and distribution, and material quality control after implementation. It is important to note that while the partnership includes a customized education campaign, it does not provide funding to print and distribute the materials.

**What type of resources will The Recycling Partnership provide to awarded grantees implementing a multi-family, commercial, or food waste cart program?** The Recycling Partnership's educational resources and technical support are only available for residential curbside recycling programs. Educational materials are not available for multi-family, commercial, or food waste cart programs. The Recycling Program may be available to discuss basic strategy and best management practices for those programs as it relates to cart implementation, but full partnership with The Recycling Partnership is only available for curbside recycling programs.

**Is a fillable, electronic version of the grant application Cover Sheet and Budget Form available to applicants?** Yes, a fillable excel document is posted under the "In the Community" tab on the DEQ recycling webpage ([www.michigan.gov/mirecycles](http://www.michigan.gov/mirecycles)). It can also be accessed via the link: <http://tinyurl.com/zwk6ne4>. Please be sure to include an original signature on the application cover sheet (NO electronic signatures will be accepted). A scanned copy of the signed document is acceptable for electronic submittals.

**Where can I learn more?**

Review the Grant RFP: <http://tinyurl.com/z9vxpc6>

View the Grant Webinar: <http://tinyurl.com/z4l9jug>

Learn more about The Recycling Partnership: <http://recyclingpartnership.org/>

Contact your regional DEQ Recycling Specialist: <http://tinyurl.com/ham2ljq>